BORUTO

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-TWO BLUE VORTEX-

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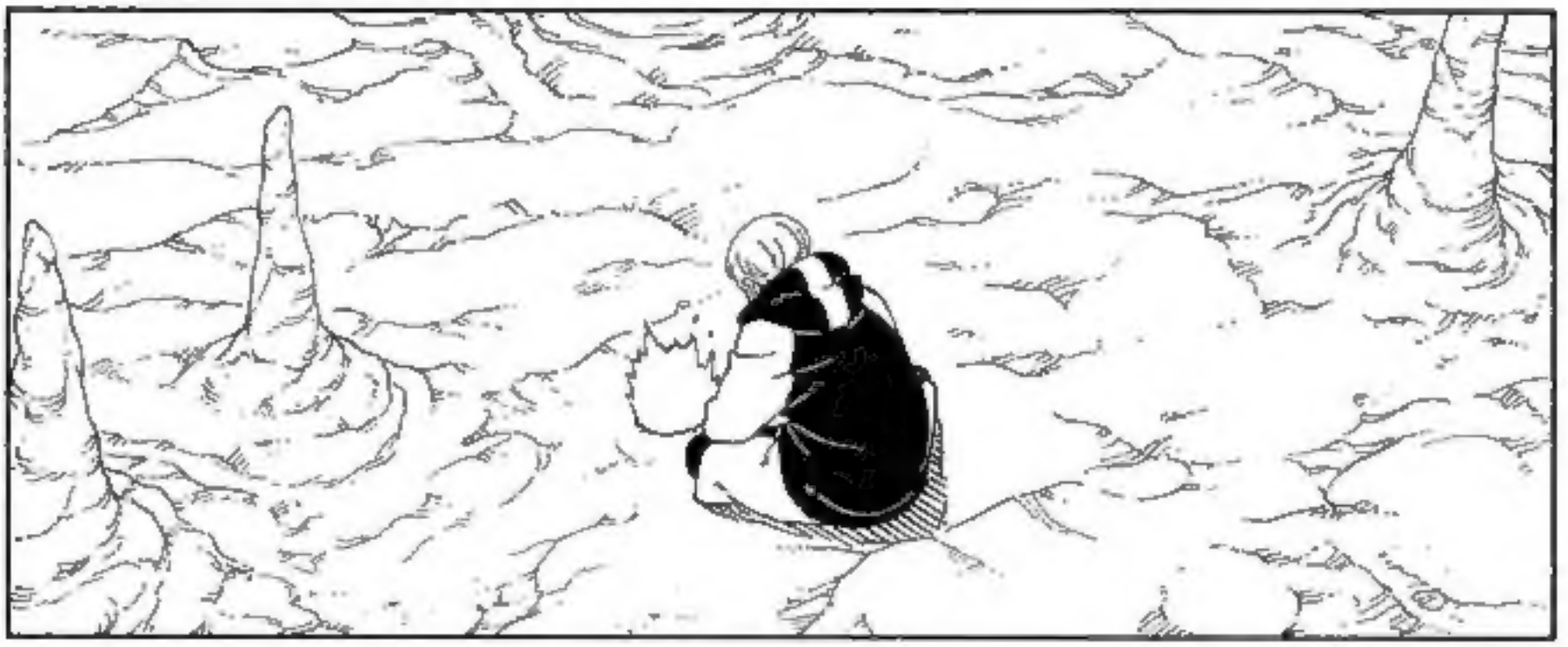

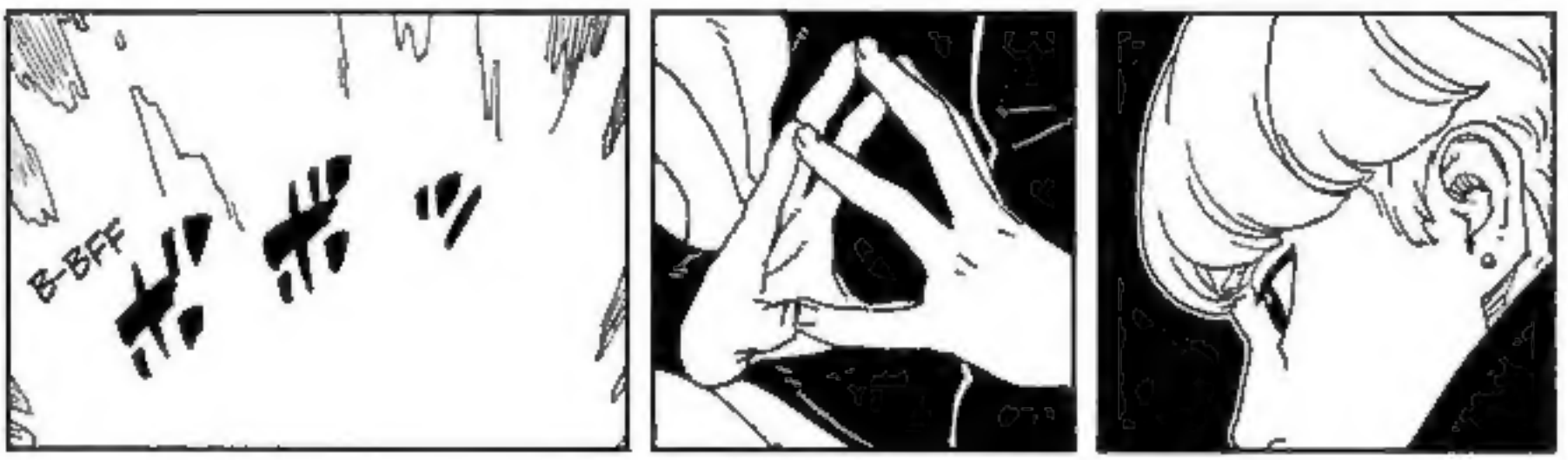
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WELL DONE.

IT'S MOSTLY COMPLETE.

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SOME-HOW...

YEAH...

...

I'M IM-PRESSED.

HEY, BORUTO.

LET'S GET ONE THING STRAIGHT...

YOU REALLY DID MAKE IT YOURS IN A SINGLE DAY.

I HAVEN'T FORGIVEN YOUR BETRAYAL...

...OR ACCEPTED YOU AS A TEAMMATE AT ALL, GOT IT?!

...

...FOR KONOHA AND HIMAWARI!

I'M ONLY HERE...

...I'LL SHAVE THAT RIDICULOUS HAIRCUT OFF UNTIL YOU'RE BALD.

SO YOU REMEMBER THIS--IF YOU MAKE HIMAWARI CRY EVEN ONCE...

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YOU KNOW, I HAVEN'T *ACCEPTED* YOU EITHER...

HUH?!

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WHAT GIVES HIM THE RIGHT TO...?

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WAIT!

H-HEY!

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HE'S THE ONE WHO COMPLETELY MESSED UP THE UZUMAKI FAMILY!

I MEAN, HOW DARE HE?!

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AH, YOU'RE HERE.

COME ON IN.

KLAK

SENSORY UNIT?

THIS IS YAMA-NAKA SAI.

SENSORY UNIT HERE. GO AHEAD.

RETURN TO YOUR DUTIES.

YOU'RE FREE TO GO.

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THERE'S NO RECORD OF ANY USAGE THESE PAST FEW MINUTES.

THE LAST TRANS-MISSION WAS HIS SCHEDULED CHECK-IN LAST NIGHT.

...OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MINUTES.

I WANT TO KNOW THE COMM HISTORY BETWEEN SARUTOBI KONOHAMARU AND ANY THIRD PARTIES...

ROGER.

...

...

NOW, MITSUKI...

...CHILD OF THE INFAMOUS OROCHI-MARU.

...

I SEE...

THANK YOU.

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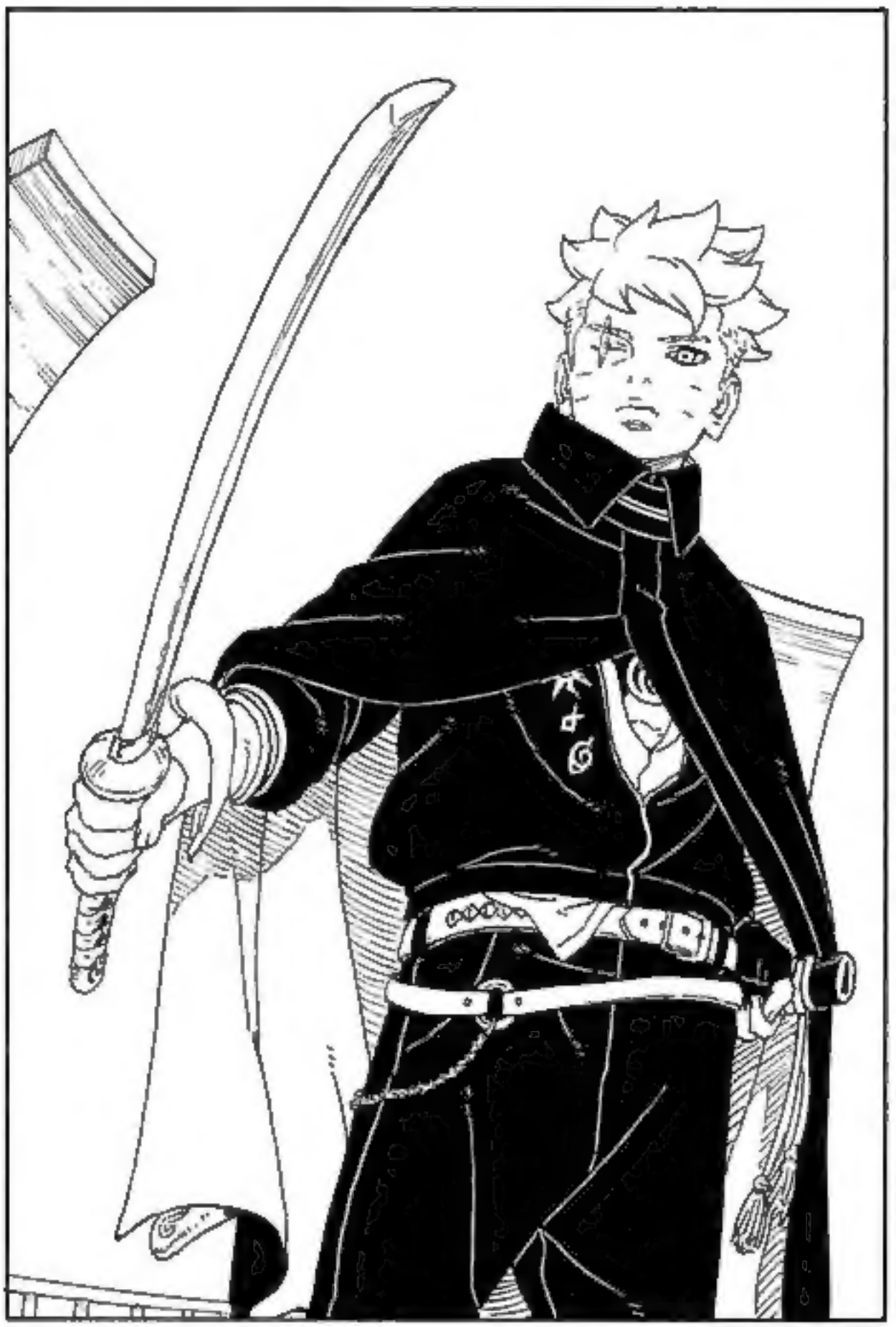
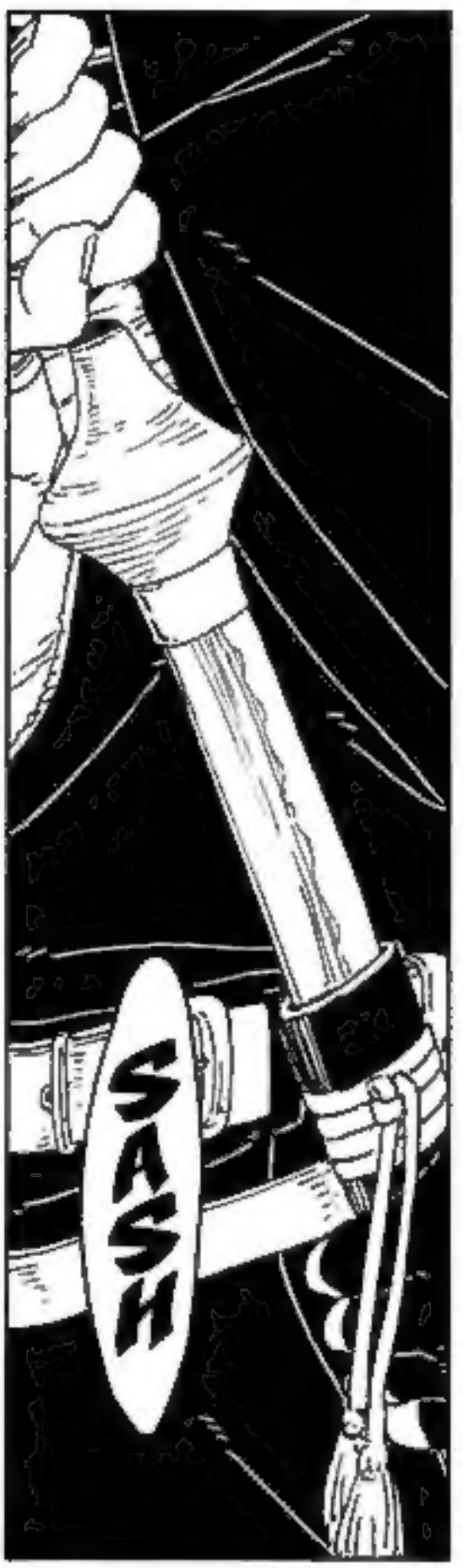
I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR YOU...
...ABOUT THE CIRCUM-STANCES OF THAT MOMENT.
YOU WERE THE NEAREST TO BORUTO WHEN HE MADE HIS ESCAPE.

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THE GUARD IS UNCHANGED...

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...BUT THE REST HAS BEEN ALMOST TOTALLY REMADE.

THE BLADE'S MATERIAL IS STILL THE SAME, JUST TREATED...

...AND ITS SHAPE ALTERED FOR MAXIMUM STRENGTH AND CUTTING ABILITY.

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THAT'S NOT ALL.

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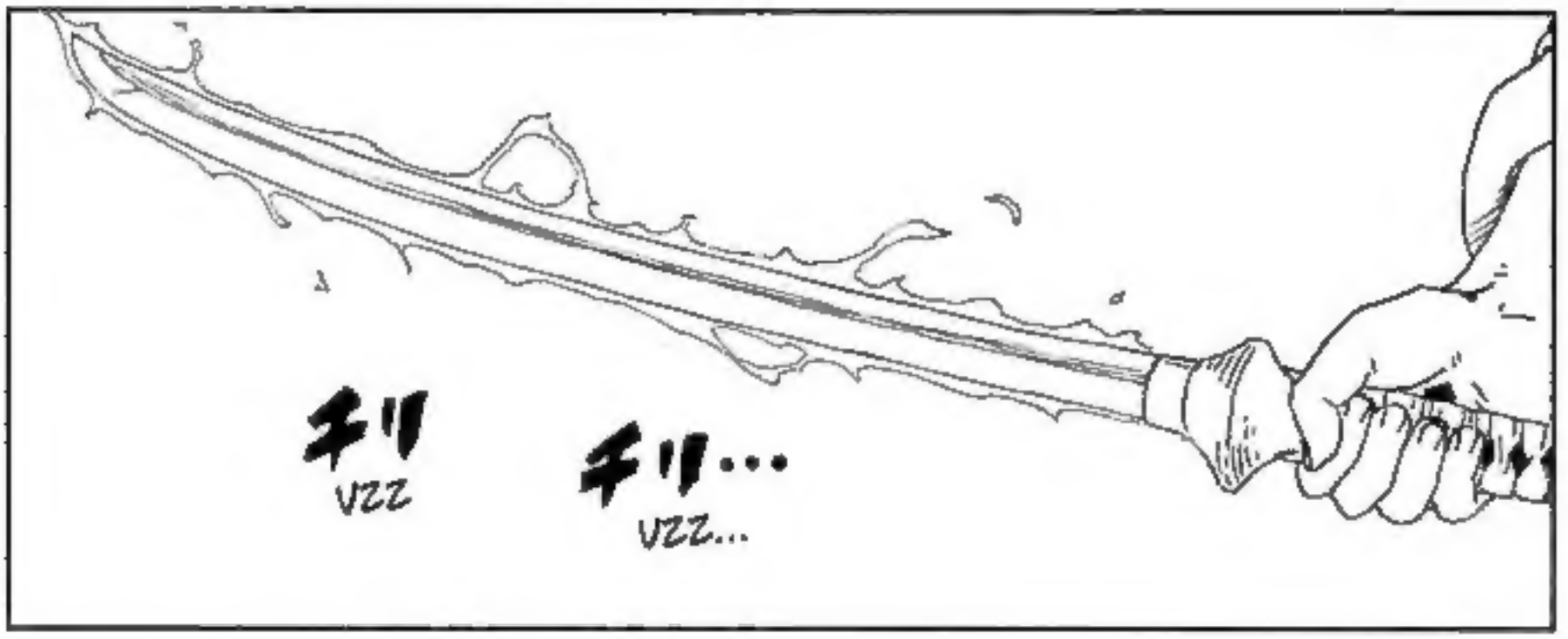
THE BLADE IS NOW SET TO AUTO-MATICALLY *MAINTAIN*...

...ON ITS OWN, ONCE YOU'VE GRIPPED THE HILT AND ACTIVATED THE JUTSU.

...YOUR UCHIHA BLADE JUTSU HAGO-ROMO...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...WITHOUT YOU HAVING TO SPARE ANY OF YOUR FOCUS ON IT.
SO LONG AS YOUR CHAKRA DOESN'T RUN OUT.
YES, BUT DON'T WORRY.
IT ALLOWS THE HAGOROMO TO CONTINUE RUNNING...
...
IS IT... ABSORB-ING...
...A SMALL AMOUNT OF MY CHAKRA?

BUT BE CAREFUL.
...TOUCHES IT, THEY WILL QUICKLY EXPEND A LOT OF CHAKRA.
IF SOME-ONE WHOSE CHAKRA ISN'T REGISTERED WITH THE BLADE...
NICE.
I SEE.

YOUR AND MASTER SASUKE'S CHAKRAS ARE ALREADY REGIS-TERED.

AS WELL AS MINE, SO THAT I CAN CONTINUE WORKING ON IT.

IT'S A SAFETY FEATURE IN CASE A FOE TRIES TO STEAL IT.

WHAT?

ONE MORE THING...

...MATERIAL HAS BEEN COMPOUNDED INTO THE KATANA...

A CERTAIN SPECIAL...

CHINK

HUH.

A BUILT-IN SCIENTIFIC NINJA TOOL FAIL-SAFE, EH?

PER-FECT.

SO THAT'S THE DEAL.

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YUP.

KONOHA WILL SOON BECOME A BATTLE-FIELD.

I PLAN TO LAUNCH AN OP USING THE INTEL I JUST SHARED WITH YOU.

...

A SURPRISE RAID..

...BY DIVINE TREES?

WITH THAT BASTARD BORUTO AS AN ALLY...?

...

...

THERE IS SOMETHING I SWORE TO MYSELF...

...WHEN I ACCEPTED THIS POSITION.

HE'S THE CRIMINAL WHO MURDERED LORD SEVENTH!

WHEN DID YOU FORGIVE HIM, DAD?! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

HOW CAN YOU STILL CALL YOURSELF HOKAGE?!

AND THAT'S WHAT I'M STILL DOING.

I'M NOT COMPRO-MISING...

...OR GIVING INTO PRESSURE AT ALL.

THAT I WOULD BE UNBENDING IN MY CONVIC-TIONS.

NO MATTER THE CIRCUM-STANCES.

JUST LIKE NARUTO, LORD SEVENTH.

...IN ORDER TO PROTECT KONOHA.

I'M STICKING TO MY BELIEFS...

...AND MAKING NECESSARY DECISIONS...

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A PART OF THIS OP.

IF YOU CAN'T ACCEPT IT, THAT'S FINE.

I'M NOT GONNA ORDER YOU TO BE.

BORUTO'S ASSISTANCE IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO FIGHTING THE DIVINE TREES.

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I'D RATHER YOU ORDER ME.

I...

HOW-EVER, IN THAT CASE...

...YOU CANNOT MENTION WHAT I TOLD YOU TO ANY-ONE.

I'LL LEAVE YOU TO MAKE YOUR OWN CHOICE.

IN TERMS OF WANTING TO HELP BORUTO.

SHE'S JUST LIKE SARADA.

SHE STUPIDLY EVEN BECAME A SHINOBI FOR THAT PURPOSE...

FOR YOUR OP?

HIMAWARI'S SIGNING UP, RIGHT?

SO I'M WILLING TO PUT ASIDE MY PERSONAL FEELINGS ABOUT BORUTO...

...AND RISK MY LIFE...

...AS A SHINOBI TO CARRY OUT ANY ORDER GIVEN BY THE HOKAGE!

CHO CHO CAN'T LET HIMA DO THIS ON HER OWN.

AND INOJIN AND I FEEL THE SAME.

WHY ARE YOU GIVING US ONLY BITS AND PIECES OF INTEL?

...WHY CAN'T YOU GIVE US MORE DETAILS?

BUT...

...IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN...

IF YOU'D KNOWN, YOU MIGHT HAVE HESITATED...

...FROZEN IN FEAR OR DUE TO INDECISION.

TO GIVE AN EX-AMPLE...

...TO RESCUE HIMAWARI IF YOU HAD KNOWN YOU WERE GOING TO DIE?

WOULD YOU STILL HAVE SQUARED OFF AGAINST JURA...

...

...WOULD THAT POWER OF HIMA-WARI'S...

...STILL HAVE AWAKENED?

AND AS A RESULT ...

...HAD YOU NOT DIED IN THAT MOMENT...

THE MORE IDEAL THE APPROACHING FUTURE...

...THE BETTER IT IS IF FEWER PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT IT.

SINCE SOME-THING RELAYED IN GOOD FAITH...

...COULD LEAD TO THINGS PROGRESS-ING IN THE ***WRONG*** DIRECTION.

WHAT I'M GETTING AT...

...IS THAT THE MOMENT I TELL SOME-ONE THE FUTURE I SAW...

...IT CHANGES IT TO SOME DEGREE.

THE MORE SINGULARITIES THERE ARE, THE MORE THE FUTURE BRANCHES IN COMPLEX WAYS...

...MAKING IT EVEN HARDER TO PREDICT. THUS NULLIFYING...

...PRE-SCIENCE'S ADVANTAGE COMPLETELY.

THE CON-SCIOUSNESS AND ACTIONS...

...AT TIMES GREATLY SWAY SUBSEQUENT DEVELOP-MENTS.

...OF WE SINGULARITIES WHO KNOW SNIPPETS OF THE FUTURE...

SOMETIMES FOR THE BETTER, SOMETIMES FOR THE WORSE.

...THAT MEANS US JUST CONTINUING TO GO WITH THE FLOW...

...WILL LIKELY LEAD US TO ROLL IN A GOOD DIREC-TION?

FOR THE TIME BEING?

...IN ORDER TO ENSURE THINGS MOVE TOWARDS THE IDEAL FUTURE.

...ABOUT WHAT AND HOW MUCH TO TELL WHO...

ONE MUST BE...

...CON-TINUOUSLY CAUTIOUS...

...IF YOU'RE DELIBER-ATELY ***NOT*** TELLING US MUCH...

...CAN I ASSUME ...

UM...

...THEN ...

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...

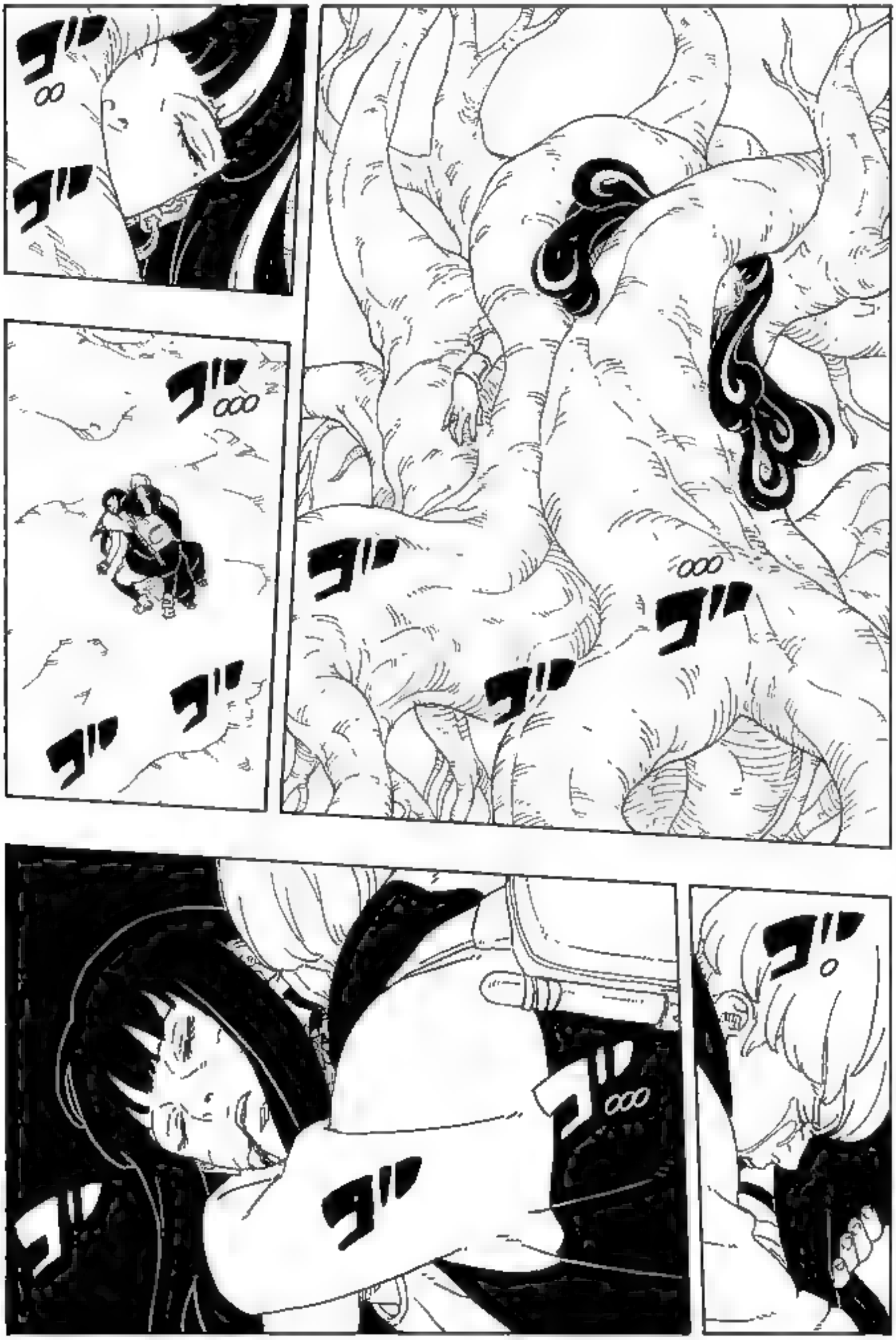
I RELAYED WHAT I THOUGHT WAS VITAL.

I CAN ONLY ENTRUST SHIKAMARU AND BORUTO...

...TO DECIDE HOW TO BATTLE THE ENEMY BEFORE US.

I NEVER KNOW IF MY CHOICE...

...WAS CORRECT OR NOT, UNTIL I SEE THE OUT-COME.



...CHANGE ANY FUTURE WHERE EIDA AND HIMAWARI DIE, NO?

BUT I THINK YOU'D AGREE THAT WE...

...OUGHT TO AT LEAST...

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THIS IS SHIKA-MARU.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

JUST SO YOU KNOW...

...THIS IS AN UNOFFICIAL, OFF-THE-RECORD TRANSMIS-SION.

THUS, ONLY THOSE OF YOU HEAR-ING MY VOICE...

...ARE MEMBERS OF THIS CURRENT OP.

...IN REGARD TO OUR UPCOMING BATTLE.

FIRST...

...THAT YOU AREN'T HOSTILE TOWARDS BORUTO...

THERE WERE TWO MAIN SELECTION CRITERIA.

...

WHILE STAYING ALERT FOR THE ENEMY...

...EACH OF YOU WILL SUPPORT BORUTO WITHIN THE VILLAGE TOO.

KONOHA STILL SEES BORUTO AS A FOE TO BE CAPTURED AND KILLED.

I ANTICI-PATE...

...ATTEMPTS TO HINDER HIM DURING THIS OP.

...BY YAMANAKA INOJIN'S NEW JUTSU, THE MIND TRANSMISSION FORMATION.

IT IS ON A DEDICATED LINE MADE POSSIBLE...

SECOND ...

...REGARD-ING THIS TRANSMIS-SION.

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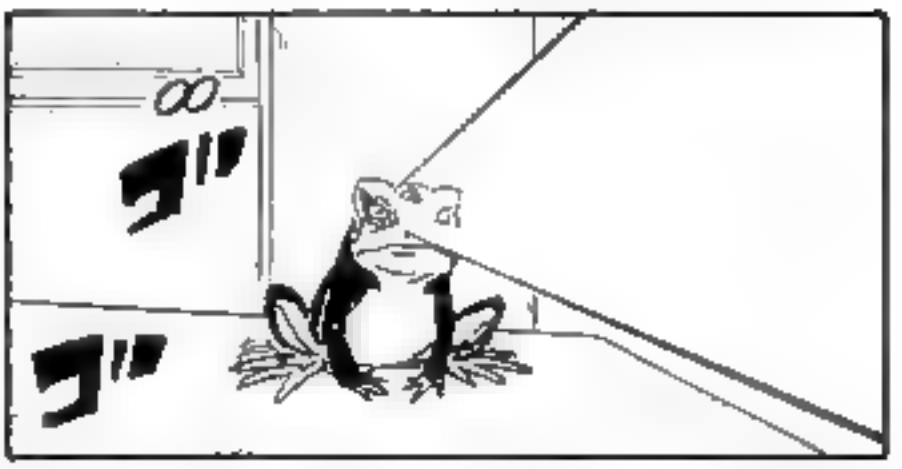
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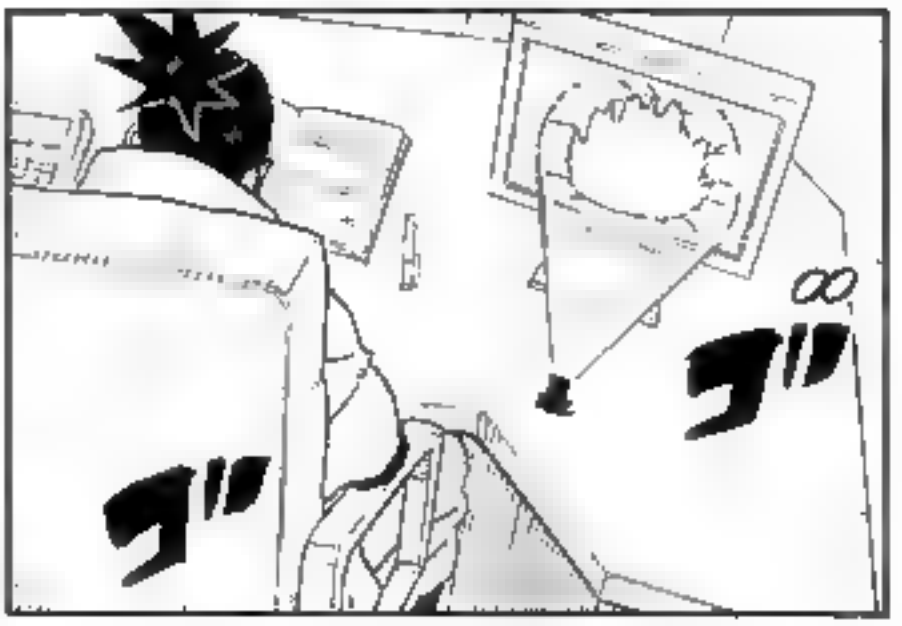
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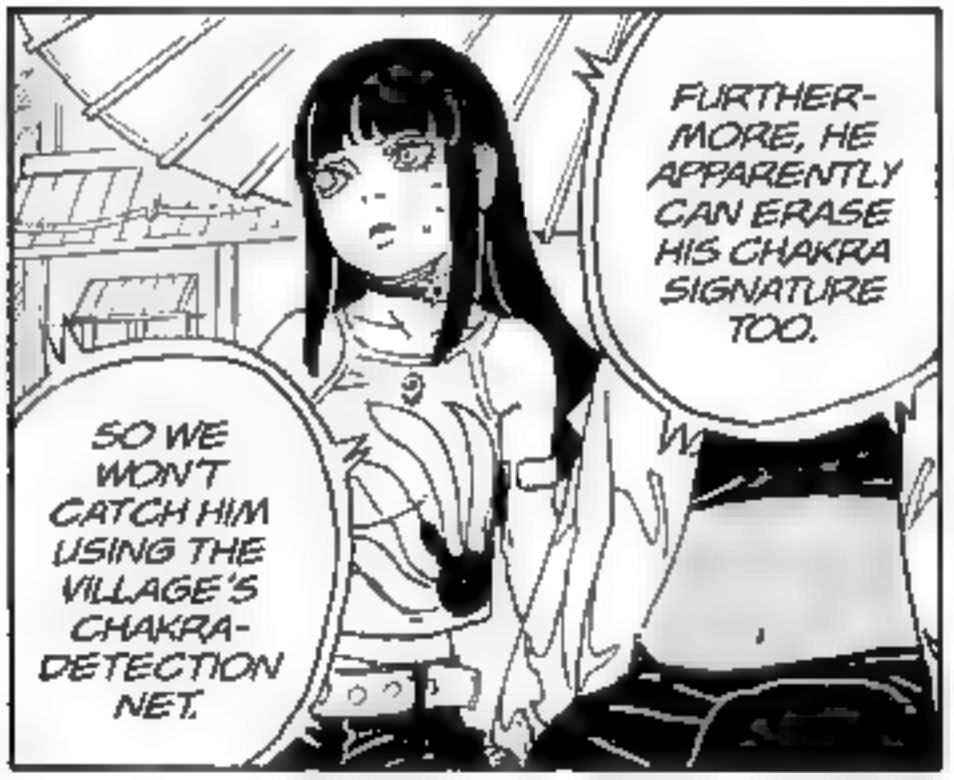
FURTHER-MORE, HE APPARENTLY CAN ERASE HIS CHAKRA SIGNATURE TOO.
SO WE WON'T CATCH HIM USING THE VILLAGE'S CHAKRA-DETECTION NET.

OUR FOE IS THE DIVINE TREE MAMUSHI.
A MONSTER WHO CAN DIVIDE INTO MULTIPLE SELVES.

THAT'S WHERE THIS NEW JUTSU OF INOJIN'S...
...COMES INTO PLAY.

...IS THAT EACH PERSON CONNECTED TO THIS LINE CAN BE TURNED INTO A RECEIVER..

...AND USED TO SENSE THE VIBRATION OF OBJECTS IN THEIR VICINITY!

UM...

SO THE FEATURE WHERE WE CAN CONVERSE OVER LONG DISTANCES IS IDENTICAL TO A REGULAR MIND TRANSMISSION JUTSU.

WHAT'S DIF-FERENT...

EVERY OBJECT EMITS VIBRATIONS WITH A UNIQUE WAVE FREQUENCY.

...AND USE IT TO PINPOINT WHERE THEY ARE AND CAPTURE THEM!

SO WE INTEND TO IDENTIFY MAMUSHI'S WAVE FREQUENCY ...

...

VIBRA-TIONS?

MEANING...?

...

...THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN BE LINKED VIA MIND TRANSMIS-SION FORMATION.

JUST KNOW...

THAT'S THE OTHER FACTOR THAT DROVE YOUR SELECTION FOR THIS OP.

...AND RELAY IT TO YOU ALL.

DON'T DWELL ON IT.

INOJIN AND I WILL SUSS OUT THE NUMBER AND LOCA-TION OF ENEMIES ...

THAT'S IT.

...BUT NOW I'LL EXPLAIN MAMUSHI'S ABILITIES...

MY PREAMBLE ENDED UP BEING A BIT LONG..

...HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM, AND THE MISSION.

DAMN, INOJIN.

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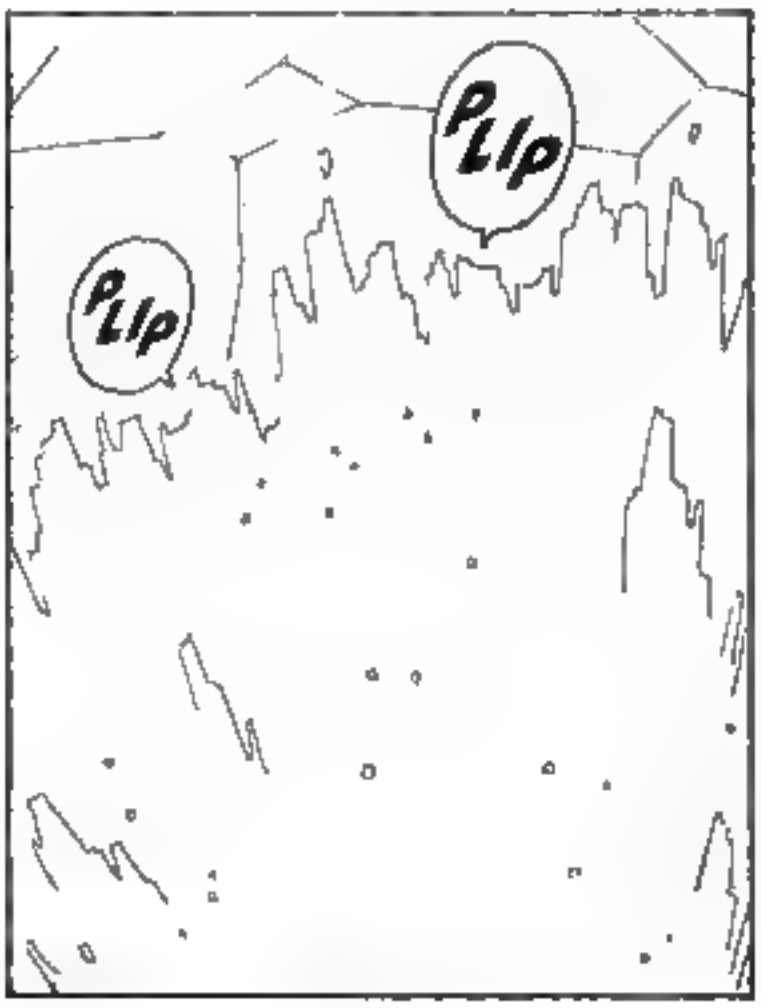
WHEN DID YOU MASTER A JUTSU LIKE THAT?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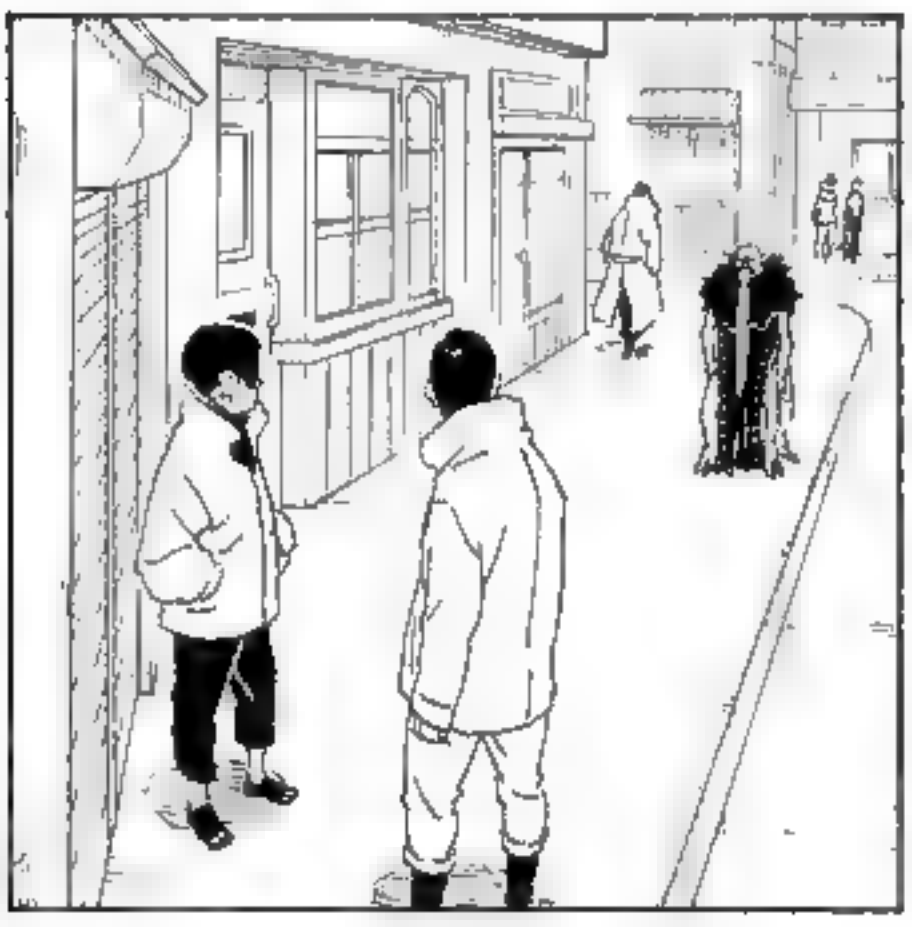

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DO Y'KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND...

HEY, BROS...

SKRCH SKRCH

...A WOMAN NAMED EIDA?

LORD EIGHTH !!

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. . . .

IT'S HIM!

MAMUSHI'S ALREADY IN THE VILLAGE!!

EIGHT OF THEM WITHIN SEVERAL TENS OF METERS.

THE ENEMY IS IN AREA 36 OF SECTOR C.

YEAH, I SEE THAT.

RELAX, INOJIN. FOCUS ON YOUR JUTSU.

GOT IT!

KEYHOLE IS THE CLOSEST SYMBOL.

BORUTO.

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THAT'S SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER THAN FORE-CAST!

DAMMIT ...

FATE HAS ALREADY ...

...STARTED SHIFTING.

I TOLD YOU...

...

BAS-TARDS.

JUST YOU WAIT.

ZWOOSH

I WON'T LET HIM...

DON'T WORRY.

...EVEN TOUCH YOU.

TOTALLY GROSS.

I FEEL LIKE PUKING.

TEAM SEVEN, STANDBY IN SECTOR B NORTH.

GIVEN THE NATURE OF HIS ABILITY...

...WE CAN EXPECT HIS SPLIT SELVES TO SPREAD OUT OVER A WIDE RANGE.

SARADA, WAIT!

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I'M...

...GONNA HEAD OUT.

TEAM TEN, TO SECTOR D EAST.

...

I DOUBT THEY'LL BE RELEASING ME ANYTIME SOON.

SHALL I FORCIBLY BREAK OUT?

MITSUKI!

WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?

NEGATIVE.

I DON'T WANT TO RASHLY PROVOKE THEM.

BORUTO WILL TRAVEL TO EACH SPOT USING THE FLYING RAIJIN.

LISTEN, MAMUSHI'S TARGET IS EIDA.

SO KEEP YOURSELVES READY TO MOVE...

...TO SECTOR A EAST AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.

IF YOU CAN, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY CHAOS.

WAIT FOR AN OPENING.

I'LL TRY TO THINK OF SOMETHING TOO.

ROGER!

KAWAKI, YOU PROVIDE SUPPORT AS NEEDED.

IT'S THE SAME GEEZER.

HUH?

A DOPPEL-GANGER?

FEEL FREE TO KILL 'EM...

...BUT DON'T DESTROY ANY BUILDINGS.

I DON'T WANNA GET YELLED AT BY JURA.

WE'D LOVE TO KNOW TOO!

MISS EIDA'S LOCA-TION?

WHO'S THIS FREAK, ANYWAY?

IF YOU DON'T KNOW, WE'RE DONE.

SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED YOU

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HEY, BRETHREN -

HEY, WAIT...

WHAT ARE YOU?

MOB
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IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE...
...I SUGGEST YOU GET LOST.
YOU!
BORUTO!!!

ZRP

ZLRD

ZWW

WHAM

TAK

GWW

WAAH
!!

...THE POLICE FORCE !!

WE NEED TO ALERT ...

WHO KNOWS ?!!

WHY'S BORUTO HERE?

ZLASH

JB

BAM

GWOP
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WHO
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ROAR

OH!

CRAP!

YOU'RE SETTING BUILDINGS ON FIRE!

HEY, STUPID!!

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GWOOO

KARMA!!

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GAH.

I JUST CAN'T GET USED TO...

...THIS WEIRD, ITCHY FEELING ...

...WHEN I ABSORB THINGS.

To be continued!